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In the Application of:

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For: HIV Virus Mimotopes

Examiner: TBA

Group Art Unit: 1807

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks made in response to the Office
Action mailed

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 16-19.

Please amend the remaining claims as follows:

1. (Amended) [Peptide] An anti-HIV peptide for the prevention or therapeutic treatment of HIV virus infection [capable of interacting] that interacts with an antibody specific for an antigen of the envelope of said virus and obtained from an HIV-positive patient belonging to the "long-term nonprogressor" group, comprising an amino acid sequence which mimics a conformational epitope of an antigen of said envelope [without, however,] wherein the amino acids sequence does not correspond[ing] to a continuous amino acid sequence of this antigen.